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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF BACTERIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS
CONVENTION TO WEST BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 17366 (B) BERLIN 2091

1. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS EMBASSY POSITION REFTEL A THAT
BACTERIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS CONVENTION SHOULD NOT BE
EXTENDED TO BERLIN BY FRG. WE CONCUR THAT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE BK/L SHOULD BE ISSUED, EXPLAINING BASIS FOR ALLIED
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ACTION.

2. WE ALSO SEE LITTLE VALUE IN HAVING ALLIES, AS OPPOSED TO FRG, EXTEND CONVENTION TO WESTERN SECTORS. AS PARTIES TO CONVENTION US AND UK ARE ALREADY BOUND BY ARTICLE II TO EXTEND EFFECT OF CONVENTION TO THOSE SECTORS OF WEST BERLIN UNDER THEIR CONTROL. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH, THOUGH NOT SIGNATORIES TO CONVENTION, HAVE PASSED DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WHICH MIGHT HAVE SAME EFFECT FOR FRENCH SECTOR AS ARTICLE II DOES FOR US AND UK SECTORS. USBER SHOULD EXPLORE THIS POINT WITH FRENCH.

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3. DEPARTMENT IS SOMEWHAT UNSURE OF BASIS FOR CONTRARY POSITION UK HAS ADOPTED ON THIS ISSUE. IS IT BASED IN EMBASSY BONN'S VIEW PRIMARILY ON DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE FRG? IF SO, HAS FRG FONOFF ITSELF EXPRESSED STRONG POSITION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER DURING BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS?
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